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CHRISTMAS DAY MUSIC THOSE QUESTIONNAIRES

Programs Which Will be Rendered at the Services in the Episcopal Churches in Alexandria Tomorrow.

The musical programs which will be rendered in the three Episcopal churches in this city at the services to be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow—Christmas day—are given herewith:

Christ Church.
Processional, hymn 49—"O, Come all ye Faithful." Adeste Fideles.
Venite, in A.—Clemens.
Te Deum, in A.—Fay.
Jubilati, B flat, Foster.
Introit, Hymn 60, "Angels from the Realms of Glory." Landis.
Gloria Tibi, in G, Bridges.
Hymn 59, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." Willis.
Offertory, "Glory to God in the Highest," Hall.
Offertory Ascription, "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow," Sanctus, in F, Garrett.
Communion Hymn, 234, "I am Not Worthy, Holy Lord," J. B. Dykes.
Gloria in Excelsis, Old Chant.
Recessional, Hymn 53, "Shout the Glad Tidings."
The choir will include the following:
Soprano—Mrs. Pickett, Mrs. Lamond, Mrs. Wood, Miss Bontz, Miss Taylor, Miss Martin.
Alto—Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Lindsey, Mrs. Pettit, Miss Williams, Miss Gregg.
Tenor—Mr. Colin Clarke White, Dr. Vivian Berry.
Bass—Mr. Clifford Carl Fink, Mr. William Griffith, Mr. Harry Penn.
Director—Mrs. O'Brien.
Organist—Mrs. Lennon.
Librarian—Mr. Nathan Griffith.
Grace Church.
Holy Communion will be observed at Grace Episcopal church at 7:30 tomorrow morning. At the eleven o'clock service the musical program will be as follows:
Processional Hymn, 49, "Come all ye Faithful."
Venite and Gloria Patri, Chant 16.
Psalms, Chant 16.
Te Deum, Dye.
Jubilati, Holden.
Introit Hymn, 58, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."
Kyrie, Chant 355.
Gloria Tibi, Chant 376.
Hymn before Sermon, 51, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."
Gloria Patri after Sermon, Chant 24.
Offertory, "Unto us a Child is Born," Hodges.
Sanctus, Chant 412.
Communion Hymn, 225.
Gloria in Excelsis, Chant 438.
Nunc Dimittis, Chant 260.
Recessional Hymn, 60, "Angels from the Realms of Glory."
Members of the choir—Miss Stella Moore; Organist; Mr. Wm. J. Wilkinson; director; Mr. Norman E. Simpson; crucifer; Mr. Aubrey Lynch, c-jor-bearer; Misses Susie Pullman, Mary A. Entwistle, Bessie Phillips, Florence Long, Mae Starnell, Phoebe J. Deahl, Mary A. Moore, Helen Barnhouse, Frances Barnhouse, Mrs. Chas. J. Deahl, Mrs. Wheat, Mrs. Frommelt, Mrs. Roop, Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. Winterwerp, Mrs. Thorpe. Messrs. Chas. J. Deahl, C. J. Winterwerp, Wm. H. Wilkinson, Louis Kerns, Herman Rohr, Carl Winterwerp and Frank T. Kline.
St. Paul's Church.
The choir at St. Paul's will render the following at the service at eleven o'clock:
Processional, Hymn 51, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," Mendelssohn.
Veniti, in A, Schencker.
Gloria Patria, Schencker.
Te Deum, in E Minor, Schaffter.
Jubilati, in C, Williams.
Introit, Anthem, Hymn 55, "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night," Ashford.
Kyrie, Ancient Chant.
Gloria Tibi, in G, Garrett.
Hymn 59, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Dykes.
Offertory Anthem, "Sing O Heavens," Tours.
Offertory Ascription, Doxology.
Sanctus, in A, Elvey.
Hymn 281.
Gloria in Excelsis, Old Anthem.
Recessional, Hymn 58, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," Redner.
Organist Sherman B. Fowler will direct the choir which will be composed of a chorus of some thirty voices led by the following quartet: Mrs. Harrie White, Soprano, Mrs. Sherman B. Fowler, alto, Mr. Kenneth W. Ogden, tenor, and Mr. Wilmer J. Wolter, bass.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Master C. C. Carlin, Jr., and Master P. Moncre Morton, students at the Episcopal High School, are home for the Christmas vacation.

Herbert Stansbury and family of Tucuman, New Mexico, are guests of his father, Mr. D. R. Stansbury, on North Columbus street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moses, of Johnson City, Tenn., are guests at the home of Mrs. Moses' father, Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison.

Five masses will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic church tomorrow at five, six, seven, nine, and eleven o'clock, a. m.

The members of the Elks' lodge of this city are busily engaged in the preparation and distribution of baskets of good things among the poor families of the city. It is expected that around a hundred baskets will be sent out in all.

Attorney James R. Caton, who represents the interests connected with the shipbuilding enterprise about to be started in Alexandria, informed a representative of the Gazette this morning that the actual work so far done was of a preliminary nature only and that he hardly expects to see much doing in the way of real work until the first of the year, which will be about a week later. He said that most of the officials and men connected with the enterprise would be in New York until after the Christmas holidays, in his opinion, and that they would not get back so as to get really busy on the job until after that time.

Included among the number of students who are home for the holidays are the following from the University of Virginia at Charlottesville: Mr. Charles Bruce Morton, son of Rev. William Jackson Morton and Mrs. Morton; Mr. Tupper Barrett and Mr. Waller Barrett, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Barrett, Mr. James M. Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Duncan, Mr. Clarence Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Robinson, Mr. Johnson McGuire, son of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh McGuire, Mr. Albert Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bryan, and Mr. Barton Phillips.

Attraction at the Picture Theatres.
Geraldine Farrar is the star of "The Devil's Stone," which shows at the Richmond tonight, plays a role widely dissimilar from her last appearances here in films. "The Woman God Forgot," took precedence as the greatest spectacle conceived in motion picture, while "The Devil's Stone" presents a dramatic plot of tremendous intensity which is developed in a picturesque fishing village on the romantic coast of Brittany, and has its finale in New York.

In the role of Martha Manot, Miss Farrar's interpretation reaches sublime heights of artistry. She is ably supported by a powerful cast, including Wallace Reid.

Settings of extraordinary beauty and exquisite water scenes of the famed Breton coast make a strong appeal to all lovers of natural art.

"The Babes in the Woods," the latest William Fox's kiddies features, starring Francis Carpenter and Virginia Lee Corbin, the greatest child actors in the world, will be the attraction at the Richmond Christmas day. It is a story old in origin but always new in the telling. It is a picture supreme. Matinee at 2:30.

At the Surprise tonight Pearl White will be seen in "The Fatal Ring," and a five reel Essanay feature, "The Best Man," will also be shown. On Tuesday at the Surprise Theatre Theda Bara will be seen in "Heart and Soul," and Ham and Bud in comedy.

CHRISTMAS EVE MARKET.
Abundance of Cedar Trees in the Court and on Sidewalks. Though But Little Produce Was Offered. The market this morning, although it is the day before Christmas, showed less animation than that of last Saturday. Christmas trees overshadowed everything else, although the demand for them was by no means brisk. As is usual, many young cedars will be carried back to the rural districts. Prices of produce had undergone no changes from those of last Saturday.

Cadet J. Dulany Hammond, of Fishburne Military School, is at his home in Rosemont for the holidays. He has as his guest, Cadet Willard Hawthorne, of Louisiana.

There will be a Christmas day service held in the Methodist Protestant church at six o'clock a. m., at which the pastor, Rev. Raymond W. White, will officiate. All are cordially invited to attend.

The campaign for new members for the local branch of the Red Cross will be continued until Saturday evening next, when it is hoped that at least fifteen hundred new names will have been added to the organization bringing the total membership up to two thousand five hundred.

High mass will be sung tomorrow, Christmas morning, at 5 o'clock in St. Joseph's Catholic church by the pastor, Rev. Joseph J. Kelly, who will also preach the sermon, the subject of which will be "The Desires of all Nations Shall Come." The music will be under the direction of Prof. Richard Brooks. The musical program will include: Processional, "Angels we Have Heard on High," Gounod's Convent Mass in C, Offertory, "Adeste Fideles," Recessional, "Holy Night."

Ladies of the Refreshment Corps of the local Red Cross gave a prettily decorated Christmas tree to the 250 soldiers at the St. Asaph Camp last night at six o'clock. It had been planned to have the tree on Christmas day but the soldiers received orders to leave camp before that time and asked that the exercises be held last night. The ladies distributed 250 packages containing gifts for the men and also served them with hot chocolate and cake. Following the distribution of the presents and the serving of refreshments a pleasing musical program was rendered under the direction of Miss Lucy Graves. The ladies wish to thank Mr. E. Thompson and Mrs. Nash for generous contributions of milk for the refreshments. The ladies feel much encouraged in their work and on New Year's Eve will hold a dance at the Elks' auditorium, which they hope will be largely attended in order to obtain money with which to pay for the Christmas gifts sent to the drafted men.

SHOT TO DEATH IN DUEL.
Berne M. Mead, Victim of Encounter—President Strauss Arrested.
Peoria, Ill., Dec. 24.—Berne M. Mead, cashier of the State Trust and Savings Bank of Peoria, was killed yesterday in a revolver duel with Edward A. Strauss, president of the bank, which took place at that institution.

Both men, wealthy and respected citizens, are alleged to have quarreled a good deal lately, as each considered the other a rival for the supremacy of the bank. According to the police, Strauss would make no further statement but that he had trouble with Mead and "had to shoot him."

The directors of the bank, after they had been called in conference, issued the following statement:
"The bank's resources are intact. The shooting resulted from a personal grievance between the two men."

STOPS TRAIN TO KILL MAN.
Louisianian Then Surrenders—Domestic Affairs Given as Cause.
Ruston, La., Dec. 24.—According to parish officers to whom he surrendered today Elmo Causey, a resident of this vicinity, flagged the east bound Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific passenger train at Grambling, four miles west of here, entered a crowded coach, pulled a pistol and shot and killed W. I. Zeigler, of Elmore.

Wiley Tankersley, of Shreveport, who tried to protect Zeigler, was shot and dangerously wounded. As soon as the train reached here Causey surrendered to the sheriff and was placed in jail.

According to the authorities Causey and Zeigler had quarreled because of alleged intimacies between Zeigler and a member of Causey's family. Zeigler was returning to Elmore from Texas.

Killed by Automobile.
Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 24.—Miss Louise Holland, twenty-two years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Holland, a prominent family of this city, was run over by an automobile driven by M. N. Pierson on one of the principal streets of Fayetteville Saturday, and was so badly injured that she died a few minutes after reaching a local hospital.

WANTED—An assistant bookkeeper.
Young lady preferred. State experience, if any. Address in your own handwriting, Box 67 Gazette office. 297-61.

GAMBLERS FORFEIT \$50 AS A MOTHER SEES IT

Police Raid House in Southwest Section of City and Take Seven White Men in Custody.

Sergeants Wilkinson and Scott and Officers William Campbell, Roland, Bell and Miller entered a house in the southwestern section of the city at an early hour yesterday morning and arrested seven white men who, it was alleged, had been engaged in gambling. The party were escorted to the station house where the proprietor left \$20 collateral for his appearance before the Police Court this morning and his six companions left \$5 each. None of the party answered when their names were called at nine o'clock and forfeited their deposits.

Four merchants had been cited to appear in court to answer the charge of violating the Sunday law by conducting business yesterday. Two of the accused were fined \$4 each, as they conducted two of the stores which were open yesterday. Another was fined \$2, and the fourth party was dismissed, he alleging that he only disposed of milk to his customers, and there was no evidence to show that he had sold anything else. The cases were disposed of under the state law. The city law provides for a fine of \$5.

A dog, belonging to a negro, which had bitten a small white boy, was ordered to be killed.

Georgianna Bird, colored, living at 510 Gibson street, reported to the police yesterday that some person entered her house Saturday night and stole \$38.

LITTLE RIVER TURNPIKE.
A Chance for Alexandria to Score a Business Hit.
The proposal of Highway Commissioner Coleman, Richmond, for a carefully planned and well connected uniform system of highway in Virginia, is appealing to the people of Alexandria city and county, as well as to those of Fairfax county. A part of the system will be the Little River pike, Alexandria to Aldie, paralleling in part the Leesburg pike.

The Fairfax Supervisors have agreed to build the Fairfax portion and expect to work on the section from Fairfax C. H. to the Loudoun County line first. Commissioner Coleman's office is to direct the work and if Loudoun Supervisors will provide at once, will start work going both ways from the Loudoun County line; otherwise will start from Fairfax C. H.

This will open a road from a prosperous farming section to Fairfax and from there a good road will be ready, built by Joseph Leiter all the way to Chain Bridge, Washington, 17 miles.

But the distance from Fairfax C. H. to Alexandria by way of Annandale is shorter, being 14 miles. This would be expected to bring to Alexandria much of the trade from the section to be opened.

KILLS FORMER POLICE CHIEF.
Special Policeman in Louisiana Evens Up With Old Duel Opponent.
Gretna, La., Dec. 24.—Frank Burke former special policeman, last night shot and killed Capt. Joseph Fisher, former chief of police of Gretna, Burke, surrendered to Mayor Galpi and was placed in the Jefferson parish hall. The shooting, which occurred near the New Orleans ferry landing was said to have been the result of ill feeling between the two men existing for some more than ten years.

About ten years ago Capt. Fisher, who then was police chief, and Burke fought a pistol duel. Burke, who was badly wounded, served a prison sentence of two years for his part in the affair.

Annual Christmas Observance.
The annual Christmas observance of Old Dominion Commandery will be held tomorrow, Christmas day, at noon. All Knights Templars and members of Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter are cordially invited.

Charles E. Outcalt, Commander. 306-11.

Notice.
The regular meeting of the Virginia Consistory No. 5, M. E. S., will be held Friday, December 28, 1917, at 8 p. m. for the annual election of officers.

F. W. Latham, Sec'y. 306-41.

Life in the Navy as Described by a Woman Who Pays Visit to Ships of Uncle Sam.

"For ten days I was the guest of the Atlantic Fleet," writes a mother who made a visit of investigation for Good Housekeeping. She tells other mothers, in the January issue, just how their boys live on board ship. She says: "During those days I tried to do everything the boys had to do. I ate with them; I worked to the hospital ship. I did everything they did except sleep in a hammock and fire a gun. They wouldn't let me fire a gun, and I was glad of it. As to the hammocks, I tried to get in one, but the art of arriving in a 'dream sack' some six feet from the floor is an acquired one. There is not seclusion enough on ship for a mother with her set muscles and avoirdupois to become a hammock artist.

"How do our sons live in this masculine world? (For the navy is a man's world, and in it a woman has no place.) There is no place on fighting ships for other than the bare necessities. They eat from long tables and sit on benches. There are no table-cloths or napkins, but the tables are scrubbed as clean as any table-cloth can be and the benches, too. During the hours when meals are not being served these tables are folded up and held by chains from great hooks near the roof of the passageway. The benches are folded up and placed on top of the tables.

"The beds are hammocks swung from two iron hooks. During the morning the hammocks are aired over the rail of the ship, at noon they are 'lashed' up and put in big bin-looking places. These hammocks are, I am told, very comfortable, once you learn how to get in them. They are really life-preservers with flotation enough to hold up two men.

"For a dresser or a chiffonier, each boy has a big deep sack which looks something like a bag sugar or flour comes in. Down in the depths of that bag he keeps, in unrumpled condition, all his clothes, clean and ditty. That is certainly a man's way. But to be fair to the men, however, the ditty clothes are there but a short time. Every day is wash-day aboard ship. The dirty suits are put into the bag in the morning and removed in the afternoon. These bags hang on a rope-rail, out of the way. There is no way of locking these bags. They are merely marked with the owner's number; every boy receives a number when he joins the ship. His clothes, hammock hooks, and ditty-box are marked with the same number.

"The ditty-box? You have to see it to appreciate it. It is the only article our sailor laddies own that is private. It looks like about a foot and a half long and a foot wide and one foot deep. It is the most man thing about the whole ship. I think the officers envy the men their ditty-boxes, for it is the boy's pocket grown up with him. A locked pocket and no woman to clear it out!

"The food on the ship is good, and there is plenty of it. The luxury of green vegetables and fresh fruits depends on whether the ships are at sea or in port. Each ship feeds in a different way, but all feed well."

DROP SIX TONS OF BOMBS.
British Naval Aeronauts Attack Airdromes in Flanders.
London, Dec. 24.—The admiralty issued the following statement on aerial activities last night:
"Naval aircraft: Saturday night successfully bombed enemy airdromes at St. Denis Westrem, Mariakerke and Oostacker, dropping six tons of bombs with good results. All the aircraft returned safely."

Four German airplanes were brought down by British army aviators on Saturday, according to the statement on aviation activities issued last night by the war office. The statement reads:
"A heavy fire from the air was poured on the enemy infantry on Saturday. In air fighting four hostile machines were brought down. After dark our airplanes bombed the airdromes of the enemy's night flying squadrons and important railway stations. Many hits were obtained. All our machines returned safely."



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Publisher's Notice.

In compliance with its annual cus-
tom the Gazette will not be issued to-
morrow—Christmas Day—and the of-
fice will be closed all day.

The publishers take this oppor-
tunity to wish each of the readers of
the Gazette a Merry Christmas. In
the words of good old Rip Van Win-
kle, "here's to your good health,
and your family's good health, and
may you all live long and prosper."

THE GREAT ANNIVERSARY.

The anniversary of the birth of the
Author of the Christian religion to-
morrow will bring to our souls inter-
esting scenes in connection with His
visit to our planet. While the world
makes it an occasion for hilarity, often
excesses, the spiritual soul regards it
from an entirely different angle. While
using, but not abusing, the gifts of
heaven, the more serious of the civ-
ilized race hail with delight the re-
currence of Christmas, although they
are not wont to make the day one of
fasting and prayer, as did the Round-
heads in the days of Oliver Crom-
well; they look upon the event
Christmas commemorates as the
greatest in the history of the world.

This wonderful babe was born in
the fullness of time, after men had
been on the earth about four thou-
sand years, during which time they
had marred the image of the Cre-
ator; the human race in every sphere
in which it had been placed proving
a dismal failure from the beginning.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-one
years ago, according to the best au-
thorities, this wonderful child was
sleeping in a manger in a garret in
Bethlehem, as we are told there
was no room for them in the inn.

No cadizneer in his dream saw a
composite image with a head of gold,
breast and arms of silver, belly and
thighs of brass, legs of iron and toes
partly iron and partly clay. It was
top-heavy, with a foundation about to
crumble. A stone cut out of the
mountain without hands smote the
image and pulverized it, and the
wind blew it away as the chaff on
a summer threshing floor. Subse-
quently the God of heaven set up a
kingdom which should not be moved.
This image represented the four uni-
versal empires of the world—the
Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian
and Roman. The nations of today are
but the toes of the old Roman em-
pire. They have the strength of the
iron but the weakness of the clay,
while the kingdom set up by this
wonderful child whose birth we cele-
brate tomorrow is founded on a solid
basis, although the culmination is
still in the future.

In the words of a pious man, may
the peace of the starlit night, the joy
of the angelic throng, the eager
hopes of the hastening shep-
herds, the light of the dawning day,
the tender love of the Virgin Mother,
the adoration of the wondering wise
men, possess our hearts on this oc-
casion. May we be bestowing rather
than receiving, forgetting wrongs, re-
membering kindnesses, healing wounds,
lifting burdens, cheering the cheer-
less, loving the loveless, and cause
the world to hear again the melody
of the Divine song that broke upon
the Judean hills the first Christmas
Eve: "Glory to God in the Highest,
and on earth peace, good-will to men."

DOUBLE CELEBRATION.

The celebration of the birth of the
Saviour of mankind tomorrow will
be dual in its nature in many places,
as it will be synchronous with the
celebration of the recovery of Jeru-
salem from the Turks, who have held
the promised land for centuries.

In the days of Peter the Hermit
men made pilgrimages to Jerusalem
at their peril. A majority never re-
turned to their homes in Europe, as
they were murdered and robbed by
the captors of the country. A few
years ago it cost twenty-one dollars
a day to travel in the Holy Land, as
tourists were blackmailed from the
time they entered the country. They
had to pay for passes to be shown
Redoubt robbers in order to travel

safety from place to place. Condi-
tions were about the same as those
that existed in the days of Peter the
Hermit when he and his followers
started a crusade against the Mahom-
etans.

This war will end sooner or later,
when the land of Palestine will be
turned over to the descendants of
Abraham, who have been the owners
of Jure from the days of the patri-
arch, while the Turks have been the
owners de facto.

When the Son of Righteousness
shall arise with healing in His wings
those interested in the most sacred
spots of the earth will make visits
to Palestine without taking their
lives in their own hands and the
words of an old hymn will be in or-
der:

Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad
morning,
Long by the prophets of Israel fore-
told;
Hail to the millions from bondage
returning!
Gentiles and Jews the blest vision
behold.

See from all lands, from the isles of
the ocean,
Praise to Jehovah ascending on high;
Fallen the engines of war and
commotion,
Shouts of salvation are rending the
sky.

Knight Templars will attend in a
body the public celebration of the
wrestling of Jerusalem from the Turks
by the British in the Belasco Theater
in Washington, at 10 o'clock tomorrow
morning. A number of Alexandrians
have announced their purpose to at-
tend.

The services will be interdenomina-

tional. Monsignor Charles F. Thomas,
pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic
Church, will open the meetings with
a prayer. Monsignor Thomas will at-
tend the celebration as the special
representative of Cardinal Gibbons,
of the archdiocese of Baltimore.

Rt. Rev. Alfred Harding, Episcopal
bishop of Washington, and Rabbi
Abram Simon will deliver addresses
as will Senator James E. Watson and
others. Col. Roosevelt is expected to
be present and deliver an address.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps,
Senators, Congressmen, members of
the Supreme Court and other courts
in the District will attend and places
have been reserved for them.

ANXIOUS TO RING PEACE BELLS

Dispatches from European capitals
state that the Kaiser would cause
peace bells to mingle their joyous
notes with those of Christmas-
mas of 1917. He desires a peace confer-
ence, as was done after the Napoleonic
wars. If the world could dispose of
the Kaiser as it did the Corsican
there would be a rush for seats at
the conference table, but as the Teu-
ton emperor is bent upon forcing a
German peace upon the world, his
proffer will meet with no serious
consideration.

There is every reason to believe
that the German people have been
fed upon promises of a termination
of the war by Christmas of this year.
They were told that the submarine
crusade would bring this about, even
though the Teutons failed to achieve
a victory on the western battle front.
The U-boat campaign, however, is
proving a failure every day, it hav-
ing recently been shown that the al-
lies are sinking these monsters fast-
er than Germany can build them. In
the meantime, instead of starving
England, the German people are
tightening their own belts still fur-
ther, while the white plague is mak-
ing serious inroads among them, they
being unable to procure proper sus-
tentation.

As is stated elsewhere in the Ga-
zette, Germany is believed to be
starving; newspapers in the land of
the Kaiser say so, and that there is
growing discontent throughout the
country is reported by every person
who has recently come from Ger-
many.

The land where many of our Christ-
mas customs grew, the land whence
once came most of our Christmas
things, this year, through the folly
of her rulers, will spend a dreary holi-
day.

A careful scrutiny of all of the best
information at hand indicates that
the Kaiser's Christmas peace offer
comes from a stomach threatened
by hunger and a mind smitten with
fear, more than from heart aching
for the woes of his own and other
peoples.

With all the world arrayed against
her Germany faces a shortage of food
this winter almost as acute as that
which has forever made the winters
of 1915 and 1916, the "turnip win-
ters," a horror to the German people.

Every indication points to the
quavering of the German idolatry of
his government and Kaiser. As one
shrewd observer has pointed out the
system is weak in the very elements
in which it is strong.

RUSSIA'S FLIGHT.

It is possible that there is a very
close connection between the growing
domestic troubles of Russia and the
reports which come from Petrograd

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads.
And Ma in her kerchief and I in my cap
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter:
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave a lustrous midday to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his couriers they came;
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:
"Now Dasher! now Dancer! Now Prancer and Vixen
On! On! On! Cupid! on Dunder and Bliatzen!"
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!
As I drew in my head and was turning around
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes were like twinkling! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His small little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf;
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod to the chimney he rose,
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."

of a sudden termination of the peace
conference between the Germans and the
Bolshevik delegates. From the
Teutonic standpoint there is nothing
to be gained by arranging peace
forms with a Government which may
be overthrown any day. Such a
Government is evidently almost
impotent, whether at peace or
in war, and there would be
no advantage to the Germans in
making concessions to it which might
seriously interfere with the Kaiser's
future plans. If the Bolshevik de-
legates have insisted on any of their
Utopian terms the Germans have no
doubt rejected them summarily.

The Philadelphia Record says, it
is a tremendously tragic spectacle
which Russia now presents to the
world. All authority seems to have
vanished, and the country lies open
to a further German invasion if the
Kaiser cares to order one. Possibly
he refrains because of the fear that
such a step might be the one act that
would bring all the discordant ele-
ments together in a united opposition
to him. Obviously he does not want
that, nor does he care to tie his hands
by making peace terms except on his
own conditions. In the meantime
Russia daily sinks lower in its na-
tional strength. For this it may
thank the ignorant and anarchistic
crew who overthrew the Provisional
Government and have since made
such a horrible mess of things.

GERMANS DUPED.

John A. Clarke, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Andrew J. Clarke, of Baltimore,
now with the American troops in
France, in a letter dated November
27, writes:
"The other day a crowd of us were
talking to some of the German pris-
oners. To one of the boys who could
speak German a prisoner expressed
great surprise on being told that the
Americans were meeting with suc-
cess. The poor fellow had been
told that the German army had in-
vaded the United States, captured
New York and was marching victori-
ously upon Washington. Another
one of the German prisoners said
that the soldiers had been led to be-
lieve that the Americans really were
British soldiers wearing the uniform
of the American army and that the
allies were trying in this manner to
deceive the Germans into believing
that the American army had ar-
rived."

A batch of German prisoners were
recently brought to an allied camp
on the western battle front. The
Teutons expressed disappointment
when assured that Paris had not been
captured, nor had London been de-
stroyed, as their officers had told
them.

MUNITION PLANTS BURN.

Alien Enemy Suspected of Starting
\$75,000 Blaze.
Boston, Dec. 24.—A \$75,000 fire
that threatened the Commonwealth
piers and destroyed two munition
plants was under investigation yester-
day. Officials expressed belief yes-
terday afternoon that an alien en-

my started the fire in an effort to
destroy not only the munition plants
but the naval training station on the
piers.

Within five minutes after the fire
started in the plant of the Crucible
Steel Company of America, where
shells were made, the flames had
spread throughout a large part of the
interior of the five-story building. The
fire destroyed that plant and the
plant of the Boston Steel Machine
Company and spread to other struc-
tures. Only hard work by the firemen
saved the city from a conflagration
that would have destroyed millions of
dollars worth of property.

Two watchmen are believed to be
believed to have perished.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—One man
was killed and several more or less
seriously injured in an explosion
which partly destroyed the Johnson
Iron Works here yesterday.

The explosion, according to the au-
thorities, is believed to have been the
work of alien enemies.

FEAR WORLD BOYCOTT.

Germany Anticipates an Economic
Alliance After the War.

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Germany is
alarmed by the fear of an economic
alliance against her after the war.
This fear is one of the chief moti-
ves behind the present peace drive.
Illustrative of it are articles by
leading German economists in the
German press.

There is no end of editorial dis-
cussion of Sir Edward Carson's re-
cent speech at the Colonial Insti-
tute, touching upon the possibility
that a "war after the war" may be
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At the direction of the Fuel Administrator for Virginia, an order
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to deliver coal to household consumers, in quantities in excess of two
tons and then only when the consumer's supply on hand is less than two
tons or less. This will make the maximum quantity of four tons at any
one time. To larger consumers, deliveries are not to be made in quan-
tities greater than the actual needs of the consumers for fifteen days, and
then only when the consumer's supply on hand is less than their require-
ments for fifteen days. This will make the maximum quantity held by
larger consumers at any one time, only sufficient for their actual needs
for thirty days or less. Industries buying coal in carload lots must obtain
special permit from the Fuel Administrator.

To make this order effective, and to relieve the dealer of the responsi-
bility and difficulty of ascertaining the supply any consumer has on
hand, it is arranged that an affidavit be furnished by the purchasers of
coal in excess of one-half ton (this affidavit can be made by any mem-
ber of the family over sixteen years of age.) These forms for making the
affidavits will be in the hands of the dealers, and notaries and the affida-
vits will be taken without charge, by any one of the following notaries
public, who have offered their services to aid the Commission in this work:
Miss Gladys M. Brooks, room 1, Alexandria National bank building,
W. C. Drury, 107 south Royal street; J. T. Burke, Burke and Herbert;
Miss Corn Baffey, Office, Clerk of Court; Courtland H. Davis, 121 south
Royal street; Claude H. Crump, 3601 King street; M. L. Dinwiddie, Cit-
izens National Bank; J. J. Green, First National Bank; E. J. Fleming,
119 south Fairfax street; A. C. Moss, Alexandria National Bank.

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NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION

CHARGED WITH WIFE MURDER.

Young Dentist Arrested at Wilson Following Her Sudden Death Here.
Richmond, Dec. 24.—Instructions were sent from Police Headquarters Saturday night to the chief of police at Wilson, N. C., to arrest Dr. Campbell J. Johnson as a fugitive from justice, and a warrant was immediately sworn out by Detective Sergeant Gordon Smith charging that L. J. Johnson "unlawfully, feloniously and of his own malice did murder one Alice Johnson." The holding of the young doctor follows by exactly one week the death of his wife, resulting from the taking of a dose of cyanide of potassium at the home of a friend, Mrs. B. F. Stutz, 522 North Twenty-seventh street, when she begged to be excused, stating that she wished to take a quinine capsule. Mrs. Johnson made her home at 1518 North Twenty-second street. Johnson, when the warrant was served on him, would neither admit nor deny his guilt. He agreed to waive extradition formality, and Detective Sergeant Willy, of Richmond, will leave with him for Richmond today. Johnson is still at a hospital in Wilson, but has practically recovered from the effect of poison which he took Thursday in an attempt to end his life.

Miss Olive White is the name of the young woman at Middlesex to whom he was said to be engaged to be married. Until announcement of the wedding here she wore a handsome engagement ring.

DANGEROUSLY BURNED.

Woman's Clothing Becomes Ignited From Hot Stove in Her County Home.

Lexington, Va., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Nora McCurdy Whitmore, wife of Mr. Kenneth C. Whitmore, was fearfully and very dangerously burned Saturday morning at her home on North river, seven miles above Lexington. It was soon after breakfast, about 7:30 o'clock as Mr. Whitmore was about to leave the house for his work on the farm and all were assembled in the family chamber. Mrs. Whitmore was standing with her back to a hot stove when suddenly flames were observed climbing above her head, her clothing was on fire. Mr. Whitmore grabbed up clothing from a bed and enclosing his wife in it sought to smother the flames. Not succeeding he lifted her up in his arm and running into the yard put out the fire in the snow.

Mrs. Whitmore was most distressingly burned and for some time reports from her bedside were that her recovery was very doubtful. Her condition later improved.

AUTO KILLS RICHMOND GIRL.

Daughter of Fritz Sitterling Victim of Colliding Cars.

Richmond, Dec. 24.—Miss Mary Sitterling, eldest daughter of Fritz Sitterling, of the Sitterling, Cornelius Company and vice president of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, suffered a fractured skull and died 30 minutes later at Grace Hospital, when she was struck by an automobile at Grace and Madison streets late last night. Miss Sitterling, with Capt. Grimm, of the 519th Infantry at Camp Lee, was going south on Madison street when the car came into collision with one driven by John M. Landers.

The young woman died soon after being carried to the hospital. Capt. Grimm was knocked down, but escaped without injury.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

War Measures to Have First Place in Attention of State Legislators.

Richmond, Dec. 24.—War measures, amendments to tax and prohibition laws, co-ordination of penal and reformatory institutions and woman suffrage seem likely to be the principal topics for discussion and disposition at the session of the General Assembly of Virginia which will begin on January 8. No one can foretell what other issues, now unforeseen, may be injected into the deliberations of the session, for issues have a way of springing into public notice without warning.

That the session will be an especially busy one is to be doubted, when viewed in comparison with the sessions of the Legislatures of 1912, 1914, 1915 and 1916, when the enabling act, prohibition legislation, tax segregation and improvements in the tax system occupied such a large proportion of the time. With these main issues out of the way, and present at this time, only in details of comparatively little importance, it is believed that the General Assembly at this time will have more time for deliberation, and will not be required to work at the break neck speed of 1914 and 1916.

WORK OF REVISION.

Commission Completes Code After Three Years Labor.

Richmond, Dec. 24.—After three and one-half years of constant work the code revision commission, authorized by the general assembly of 1914, has completed its work and bound volumes of the proposed new code were on yesterday mailed to each member of the general assembly and to interested state officials.

The new code is the first complete authorized revision since the code of 1887, the lawyers of the state having for a long time relied on Pollard's code and annotations published by Hon. John Garland Pollard, in the compiling of which he was assisted by Louis C. Phillips, formerly of Newport News but now of James City county.

The revision of the code of 1907 were Hon. Samuel A. Anderson, Judge M. P. Burke, of the supreme court of appeals of Virginia, and Hon. F. T. Hutton, who were assisted in their work by Colonel John W. Williams, clerk of the house of delegates.

The new code is a formidable volume. It contains sixty-three titles, 775 chapters, 6,571 sections and 2,177 pages of text.

POKES HEAD IN AND DROWNS.

Children Discover Odd Suicide in Shallow Stream.

Harrisburg, Dec. 24.—Two children playing along a shallow run at the end of Long street, Camp Hill, were the discoverers of Clinton Black's body. Black, who had partly disrobed himself in an apparent fit of despondency, buried his face in less than a foot of water and drowned.

Black had been ill for weeks and walked to the creek minus most of his clothing. His head was wedged down into the broken ice.

TRAIN KILLS TWO AUTOISTS.

Grave Crushing Collision Near Vicksburg at Milford, Caroline County.

Richmond, Dec. 24.—A southbound Seaboard Air Line passenger train struck an automobile at Milford, Caroline county, Saturday afternoon, killing the two occupants of the machine instantly. The dead men were General Gatewood, the son of J. H. Gatewood, who lives about two miles from Milford, age twenty-one years, and a colored man by the name of Bernard Hall. It is supposed that the men did not see the oncoming train until too late to get out of its way.

PROHIBITS FIREWORKS.

Petersburg Issues Proclamation for Safe and Sane Christmas Celebration—Red Cross Progressing.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 24.—Christmas Day is to be safely observed in Petersburg. Mayor Gilliam Saturday issued a proclamation prohibiting the use of fireworks, and announcing that the laws prohibiting the sale and use of explosive will be strictly enforced. "A time, says the mayor, 'when our nation is at war with the greatest military power the world has ever known, and is straining every nerve to meet the inevitable demand, is, above all, ill-suited to the unnecessary imperiling of any of our resources, whether of man-power or property. And the community will cordially approve the determination to suppress all fireworks on Christmas day and night.'

GERMAN RACE STARVING.

Food Controller Says Masses Are Practically Without Food.

London, Dec. 24.—According to a Reuters dispatch from Amsterdam, Vorwarts, of Berlin, in a plain-spoken attack on the system of Herr von Wadow, the German Food Controller, declares that great masses of German people, not only are hungry, but are literally starving. The paper adds that agricultural producers and rich residents in towns are living in plenty, as hoarding is no longer prohibited.

"Every war profiteer and millionaire," says the paper, "has his kitchen and cellar full of ham and bacon; the middle class ekes a precarious existence, spending all its possessions on food, but 40,000,000 of the masses are starving and are unlikely to sit silent. We might have within a month an absolute catastrophe in Germany and a collapse even worse than Russia resulting in a German defeat and loss of the war."

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—The Berlin socialist newspaper, Vorwarts, has been obliged by the government to suspend publication for three days. London, Dec. 24.—The suspension of the Berlin Vorwarts is considered as a warning to the entire German press that it must curb its tongue in the discussion of internal German conditions. Although the Vorwarts for a long time has been in the hands of the so-called "government-controlled socialists," it recently printed an attack on Food Controller von Wadow and also some very outspoken editorials regarding internal conditions in Germany.

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ANTIDRAFT WINS BY 174,000.

Complete Returns From Australia Show Defeat of Conscription.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 24.—A majority of 174,000 votes against conscription is shown by the complete returns or the referendum in Australia, says a Reuter dispatch from Melbourne.

The vote was 938,000 against and 764,000 in favor. Votes cast by the Australian troops on the question are being counted in London.

Should Realize on Assets.

Little Bennie Crawley pestered his mother to buy him an Indian suit and sundry other things he desired. "Papa's rich, isn't he, mamma?" he asked.

"Yes, indeed," she replied, smilingly; "he's worth about two million and a half. He values you at a million, me at a million, and baby, say, half a million."

"Well," said the kid, after a thoughtful pause, "hadn't he better sell the baby and buy us some clothes and things?"

SPECIAL NOTICES.

To the Stockholders of the Rosney Iron and Lumber Company, Limited:

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rosney Iron and Lumber Company, Limited, will be held in the law office of J. K. M. Norton, Esq., at No. 128 south Fairfax street, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on the 14th day of January, 1918, between the hours of one and two o'clock p. m., for the election of two directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. Witness my hand at Westminster, Md., this 13th day of December, 1917.

Ralph S. Reifsnider, Secretary.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Directors and Stockholders of the Odd Fellows Joint Stock Company, will be held at Odd Fellows Hall, South Columbus street, Alexandria, Va., Jan. 7, 1918, at 7:30 p. m.

C. C. Brooks, President.
W. H. Skinner, Secretary.

306-6t.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Alexandria Iron Works will be held at the office, corner Royal and Wilkes street, Alexandria, Va., on Monday, December 31, at 9 a. m. By order of President.

A. S. Mankin, Secretary.

302-10t.

Notice.

The Alexandria Medical Society announces that on and after Jan. 1, 1918, the following fees will be the minimum charges made by its members:

Office visits, \$1.00 to \$10.00; house visits \$2.00; night visits \$5.00; Consultations \$5.00; obstetrics \$25.00, extra for each mile beyond city limits \$1.00.

Stockholders Meeting of the American Rutile Company of Virginia.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Rutile Co., will be held at the office of the company, No. 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, the 7th of January, 1918, from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as can be lawfully considered. The transfer books will be closed for 10 days prior to the 7th day of January.

W. M. Slater, President.
Albert Harper, Sec. and Treas.

296-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the company No. 107 north Fairfax street, in the City of Alexandria, State of Virginia, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Charles D. Walcott, President.

A. M. McLachlen, Secretary.

295-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business of the Company will be held at the office of the Company No. 107 north Fairfax street, in the City of Alexandria, State of Virginia, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918 at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Charles D. Walcott, President.

A. M. McLachlen, Secretary.

295-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the McLachlen Building Corporation for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the Company No. 107 north Fairfax street, in the City of Alexandria, State of Virginia, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 11 o'clock a. m.

A. M. McLachlen, President.

John A. Massie, Treasurer.

295-12t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Alexandria National Bank, Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8, 1917.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House of said Bank, on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M. to 1 p. m.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier.

295-25t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The Citizens National Bank, Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8th, 1917.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon.

The polls will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

Richard M. Green, Cashier.

294-25t.

Notice.

Having qualified as executrix of the estate Mrs. Louisa M. Pullin, I desire to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present same for settlement. All owing said estate are requested to make prompt settlement.

Miss Ola Pullin, Executrix.

297-10t.

Notice Annual Meeting.

December 3, 1917.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Alexandria, Va., will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the election of directors and transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEO. E. WARFIELD, Cashier.

295-25t.

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Mattie Wood, vs. Henry Wood, In Chancery.

An affidavit having been duly made as required by law, that the Defendant is not a resident of the state of Virginia, and that he cannot be found within the jurisdiction of this State, and the Sergeant having made a return on the process or summons issued against the defendant, it is a non-resident of this State, and upon application having been made to the Clerk of this Court for an order of publication against the defendant and answer a bill in chancery filed by the Complainant against the defendant for an absolute divorce on the grounds of willful desertion and abandonment for more than three years prior to the institution of this suit and an order of publication having been duly granted by the Clerk of this Court, it is therefore adjudged and decreed that the said Defendant do appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof to make answer to the suit of the complainant against the defendant for an absolute divorce, on the ground of willful desertion and abandonment, and to do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, Va., and that a copy be sent by registered mail to the last place of residence and abode of the Defendant, to-wit: 108 Center Ave., Atlantic City, New Jersey, as stated in the application for this order of publication which shall be certified by the Clerk, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Court-house of said City on or before the next Rule day of this Court.

Teste:

NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk.

C. E. Corgan, P. Q.

290-4w.

In the Corporation Court or the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Irene K. Baker, vs. Albert K. Baker, In Chancery.

Upon the written application of the Complainant stating specifically the last known place of abode of the defendant, and it appearing to the Court that process has been issued and returned by the Sergeant of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, showing that the defendant was not found within the jurisdiction of this Court, the following order of publication is granted this 3rd day of December, 1917.

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii for the Complainant from the Defendant on the ground of desertion for a period of more than three years, and an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant, Albert K. Baker is a non-resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear within fifteen days after due publication of said order of publication, and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit.

And it is further ordered that a copy of said order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Court House of the Corporation Court of said City on or before the next succeeding rule day after this order is entered; and that a copy of said order of publication shall be sent by registered mail to the Clerk of this Court, addressed to the said non-resident defendant at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, (street address unknown) his last known place of abode.

A Copy Teste:

NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk.

290-4w.

In the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Edith L. Gleason, by Luracette A. All, next friend, Complainant, vs. Albert J. Gleason, Defendant. In Chancery.

An affidavit having been made as required by law, that the Defendant is not a resident of the State of Virginia, and that he cannot be found within the jurisdiction of this State, and the Sergeant having made a return on the process or summons issued herein that the Defendant is a non-resident of this State, and upon application having been made to the Clerk of this Court for an order of publication against the Defendant for a divorce a mensa et thoro, on the ground of willful desertion and abandonment, and upon the passage of the statutory period to merge the same into an absolute divorce, and an order of publication having been duly granted by the Clerk of the Court, it is therefore adjudged, ordered and decreed that the said Defendant do appear here within 15 days after due publication hereof to make answer to the suit of the Complainant against the Defendant for a divorce a mensa et thoro, on the ground of willful desertion and abandonment, and to do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit.

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8:10, 8:20, 8:40, 9:00, 9:20, 9:40, 10:00, 10:20, 10:40, 11:00, 11:20, 11:40, Noon

P. M.—12:20, 12:40, 1:00, 1:20, 1:40, 2:00, 2:20, 2:40, 3:00, 3:20, 3:40, 4:00

4:20, 4:40, 5:00, 5:20, 5:40, 5:50, 6:00, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 6:40, 6:50, 7:00, 7:10, 7:20, 7:30, 7:40, 7:50, 8:00

10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 11:55

Sundays and Holidays, same as above except trains at 5:00, 5:40, 6:00, 6:20, 6:40, 7:10, 7:20, 7:30, and 8:10 A. M. and 11:55 P. M.

Leave Alexandria for Mt. Vernon

A. M.—Week Days—5:35, 6:55, 7:51

8:55, 10:30, 11:30—P. M.—12:30, 1:31, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:35, 6:40, 7:35, 8:33

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7:37 a. m., Local to Danville.

7:47 a. m., Daily—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

9:17 a. m., Daily—L. S. fast mail. Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlottesville, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans. Sleeping car Salisbury to Asheville. Dining car.

9:37 a. m., Daily—Manassas Orange and Charlottesville and limited beyond to Atlanta. Coaches only.

4:02 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local to Harrisonburg. Buffet parlor car.

4:22 p. m., Daily—Local to Charlottesville. Parlor car to Warrenton, daily except Sunday.

5:12 p. m., Daily—Birmingham Special. Coaches and sleeping cars to Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car. Daily tourist car to California.

5:22 p. m., Daily except Sunday—Local for Warrenton.

7:17 p. m., Daily—Augusta Special. Coaches and sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Sleeping cars to Asheville. Dining car.

10:02 p. m., Daily—Washington & Chattanooga Limited. (Via Lynchburg). Coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, New Orleans. Dining car.

11:02 p. m., Daily—New York & New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to Atlanta and New Orleans. Sleeping car to Macón. Dining car.

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